

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1653
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SMUGGLING OF WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Wildlife Welfare Board has set up any Samiti on March 26, 2001 so as to check the smuggling of animals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite authorising the local District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police to check the smuggling of animals in all the districts of the country the desired success has not been achieved; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure stringent implementation of laws in this regard and to achieve desired results through the said Samiti?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) No Samiti has been set up by Indian Wildlife Board during 2001 to check the smuggling of animals in the country.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) For effective implementation of laws the police officers also have been authorized to conduct search, make seizures, arrest and prosecute the offence cases under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.